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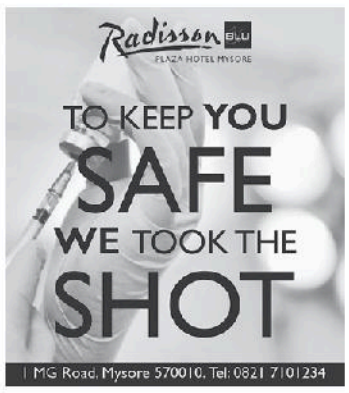
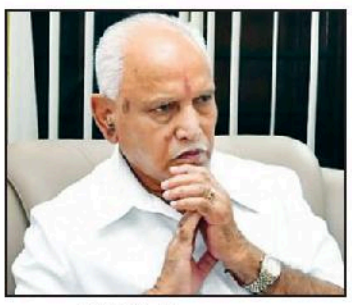


Who will succeed B.S. Yediyurappa ?



B.S. Yediyurappa
Caretaker Chief Minister

G. Kishan Reddy
Observer

Dharmendra Pradhan
Observer

- BJP Legislature Party meeting at 7 pm today
- All MLAs summoned to Bengaluru
- Two Union Ministers as Observers
- New CM swearing-in likely on Thursday

Bengaluru, July 27 (KMS& BCT)- An emergency BJP Legislature Party (BJP-LP) meeting has been called in Bengaluru today at 7 pm to select the next Chief Minister to succeed B.S. Yediyurappa, who resigned teary-eyed yesterday. The new CM will face the challenge of steering the Government for the next 21 months, until the 2023 Assembly elections.

All BJP MLAs have been asked to be present at the Capitol Hotel near Raj Bhavan where Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of North East G. Kishan Reddy will act as Central Observers who will hear the MLAs on the new leader.

The communication of the meeting to the MLAs has been given through Karnataka BJP Media Convener Karunakara Khasale by Party Chief Spokesperson Captain Ganesh Karnik.

The BJP High Command has entrusted Pradhan and Reddy to ensure smooth transition of power. Along with them, the party in-charge of Karnataka Arun Singh (also party General Secretary) and his deputy D.K. Aruna will be present. While the party in-charges are scheduled to arrive from New Delhi at 2 pm, the Observers will arrive at 4 pm.

MLAs will not be allowed to meet the Observers and the party will follow the Assam and Uttarakhand models to select the leader. In Assam and Uttarakhand, the party changed the CM aiming to take on the next elections on the basis of collective leadership rather than the face of the new Chief Minister. Whatever opinions expressed at the BJP-LP meeting this evening will be collective and not individual, sources told *Star of Mysore*.

Hours before today's BJP-LP meeting, a Central BJP Parliamentary Board is meeting at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence to select Yediyurappa's successor. BJP Chief J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are part of the meeting. There is a high likelihood of Dharmendra Pradhan and Kishan Reddy carrying the name of the next CM in a sealed cover before they arrive in Bengaluru.

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To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"BJP as a political party treats its members with dignity."*** *—Ed*

'Third wave of COVID may affect 5 percent of kids in district'

Dr. M.R. Savitha, Children's COVID Officer at Cheluvamba Hospital, addressing the workshop on COVID third wave preparedness at KSOU Convocation Hall in city this morning.

Mysuru, July 27 (RKB&SSV)- Dr. M.R. Savitha, Professor, Department of Paediatrics, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and Children's COVID Officer at Cheluvamba Hospital, Mysuru, has predicted that 5 percent of kids in district may be affected by third wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

"The first wave and the second wave had affected two to three percent of children. But the third wave may cause problems for around 5 percent of kids. Cheluvamba Hospital is fully prepared to take on third wave," she said while explaining about the preparedness to face the possible third wave of the pandemic at the Convocation Hall of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU).

(See THIRD WAVE on page 7)

UoM must carry forward legacy of Nalwadi

Dr. Sudha Murty virtually delivers 105th Foundation Day lecture

Mysuru, July 27 (MTY&DM)- Stating that erstwhile Mysore ruler Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's contribution for Kannada land and language is immense and remains unmatched so far, Infosys Foundation Chairperson Dr. Sudha Murty said that the University of Mysore (UoM), founded by Nalwadi, should work towards carrying forward the legacy of the erstwhile ruler.

She was delivering the 105th Foundation Day lecture of UoM online on the topic 'What we do not learn from our education, system but is very essential for our life,' at Crawford Hall here this morning.

Pointing out that her husband and Infosys Founder Dr. N.R. Narayana Murthy was a product of UoM, which inspired him in building Infosys and taking it to global heights, Dr. Sudha Murty said that the UoM was generous in conferring Honorary Doctorate on her and her husband.

(See SUDHA MURTY on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 27th July 2021

BAI to felicitate children of construction workers

Calling achievers to apply before July 31

Mysuru, July 27- Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, is conducting "Prathibha Puraskara" to felicitate the children of construction workers who have made some achievements in studies (SSLC, 2nd PUC, any Degree), cultural activities, sports etc. from the past five years.

Eligible candidates should not be more than 22 years of age. Those who were honoured during the previous five years are not eligible to apply.

The deserving children of construction workers in and around Mysuru may send their details along with correspondence address, passport size photograph, contact phone number, Labour Card / Letter from the Employer and a copy of marks card to BAI Office before July 31 to the following address:

Builders' Association of India, Mysore Centre, No. 34/D, Akkamahadevi Road, 2nd Stage, Industrial Suburb, Vishweshwaranagar, Mysuru - 570 008; [Ph: 0821 - 2483333; e-mail: *mail@baimysore.org]*.

The felicitation function will be held at MBCT Auditorium in city and the function date will be informed later, according to a press release from A.S. Yoganarasimha, Hon. Secretary, Builders' Association of India, Mysore Centre.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The single most important task for the new Education Minister is to ensure rapid but safe opening of schools. The Minister has stated that implementing the new National Education Policy (NEP) is his top goal, and NEP correctly identifies that the highest priority for our education system should be to deliver universal Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN). However, this goal will be stillborn if schools remain closed. First, consistent with school education being a State subject, the decision on opening schools and the modalities for doing so should continue to be left to the States. Second, while the instinct of many officials is to first open classes 9-12 because of board exams, the bigger priority should be opening classes 1-5 to ensure universal mastery of foundational skills as prioritised by NEP. A large body of evidence highlights the importance of early years in the formation of human capital and our school opening priorities should reflect this. Third, it is essential to pay attention not just to opening schools but to modifying pedagogy to account for 16 months of school closures. Simply teaching the textbook may be ineffective if children have fallen far behind grade-level standards. Rather, schools and teachers should be encouraged to focus less on the textbook, and more on basic skills of literacy and numeracy and remediating learning losses.Fourth, we should move from the rigid "scheme-based" model of Central Government funding to a more flexible model with greater spending autonomy to States and districts. — *Karthik Muralidharan in Hindustan Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist turns artificial fingernails into art

Ho Chi Minh: A young Vietnamese nail art expert who had to close down his business during the pandemic, used the time off to develop a stunning new kind of artificial fingernail art.

Le Dai Phat is recognised as one of the most talented nail artists in Ho Chi Minh City and looking at his stunning hand-painted designs it's easy to see why. From celebrity portraits to religion and Vietnamese culture-inspired designs, the 28-year-old artisan can create some truly impressive wearable artworks. But it was a new style he developed while quarantined at home because of Covid that really got people talking about him. Using up to 10 lined-up artificial fingernails, Phat is able to paint entire stories in the greatest of detail.

The Vietnamese artisan has been doing fingernail art for the past four years, and has even opened up his own nail art academy to teach aspiring artists his secrets. But it was only two months ago, when pandemic restrictions were put in place in Ho Chi Minh, and his salon had to close, that he discovered a new fingernail art style.

Son reports his father to Police for 'Child Labour'

Ma'anshan: A 14-year-old boy has shocked Police when he accused his father of "illegal child labor," because he had been forced to do chores around the house.

The incident allegedly took place in Ma'anshan, China's Anhui province. Sick of seeing his son glued to his smartphone, and ignoring his studies, a parent decided to give the boy a taste of life's hardships, and asked him to do some housework. Angry with his father making him take a break from his phone, the teenager snuck out of the house when his father wasn't paying attention and went straight to the Police Station. There, he proceeded to accuse his father of "illegal child labor."

HEALTH CAPSULE

"Sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in many situations. However, Sanitizers do not get rid of all types of germs. Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy. Hand sanitizers might not remove harmful chemicals from hands like pesticides and heavy metals".

By Sharadhammanni S - Clinical Educator

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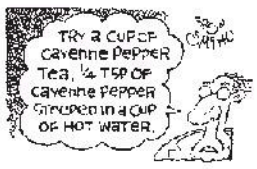
**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***



If you can take the heat, cayenne is an effective remedy for treating ulcers. Begin with 1/8 tsp of cayenne pepper in a glass of water twice a day, then work up to 1/4 tsp. Cayenne capsules are also an option. Take a capsule after each meal.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 25	JULY 26
Day's Positive Cases	97	162
Total Positive Cases	1,72,117	1,72,279
Day's Discharges	133	288
Total Discharges	1,68,143	1,68,431
Day's Deaths	2	3
Total Deaths	2,293	2,296
Total Active Cases	1,681	1,552

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

SP to virtually inaugurate KSOU's online coaching for CET tomorrow

R. Chethan

Mysuru, July 27- Mysuru SP R. Chethan will inaugurate the 30-day online coaching classes for Karnataka-CET-2021 for admission to Undergraduate professional courses (barring medical and dental courses) in Karnataka such as Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Architecture etc., organised under the aegis of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Exams Coaching Centre at 11 am tomorrow (July 28). The coaching is being conducted in association with Jnanasharada Sri Vidyatheertha Institute of Culture.

Sringeri Mutt's Mysuru Branch Dharmadhikari H. Ramachandra and Jnanasharada Sri Vidyatheertha Institute of Culture Secretary S.K. Bhaskar will take part in the virtual inauguration programme. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar will preside. Registrar Prof. R.Rajanna will be present. For registration, call Ph: 0821-2515944 or Mob: 99647-60090.

REALLY...?

- ***Before the mouse, computers used text interfaces — every command had to be typed in, and it was very time consuming. If you wanted to point at something, you had to use a laser light pen.***
- ***The idea for the computer mouse came to Douglas Engelbart in 1961 at a conference, while thinking about how to make graphical computer interfaces more efficient. The idea is sort of based on the planimeter, a tool used by engineers and geographers to measure the distance on a map.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband: *Honey, I invited a friend home for dinner.* ***Wife:*** *What ? Are you crazy ? The house is in a mess, all the dishes are dirty and I can't cook meal.* ***Husband:*** *I know all that.* ***Wife:*** *Then why did you invite the friend ?* ***Husband:*** *Because the poor fool is thinking about getting married !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.79
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.26
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.72

VOICE OF THE READER

Repair collapsed front portion of Fire Station building

Sir,

I wish to request the authorities concerned to expedite the repair of the collapsed front portion of Fire Station building in Saraswathipuram, a heritage structure in existence for more than 70 years.

It is almost two years since the front pillars collapsed. It looks ugly and speaks for our insensitivity in neglecting such heritage constructions when it does not involve huge expenditure to set right this eyesore.

I hope repair works will be taken up immediately.

—C. N. Srinath

Bogadi Road

21.7.2021

Former Hampi Kannada University Vice-Chancellor passes away

Lakkappagowda

Mysuru, July 27- Former Hampi Kannada University Vice-Chancellor Prof. H.J. Lakkappagowda (84) passed away at his residence on Aniketana road in Kuvempunagar here yesterday due to age-related illness.

He leaves behind his wife Kamalamma, son H.L. Ravindraprasad, daughter Dr. Kala and a host of relatives and friends.

Prof. Lakkapagowda had also served as a member of Karnataka State Language Commission and as Chairman of Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy and Kannada Book Authority. He was the Founder-President of Kannada Janapada Parishat and Chairman of South Indian Languages Folklore Studies Centre.

He has many works to his credit including 'Vasantha Geetha', 'Sooji Sampige', Vachana Torana', Vishwakavi Kuvempu', 'Dalitha Soorya', 'Janapada Kathavali' 'Ogatugalu' etc. He had also written several books on Folklore in English.

He had won many awards and prizes including the award given by the then Mysore Government, Vishwamanava Literary Award, Janapada Tagna Award and Rajyotsava Award.

Last rites were performed at Kuvempunagar burial grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

Cane crushing at PSSK to commence from July 29

Pandavapura, July 27- The crushing of sugarcane at PSSK (Pandavapura Sahakara Sakkare Kharkhane), run by Bagalkot based Nirani Sugars of MRN Groups, will commence from July 29.

As a precursor, the boiler at the Sugar factory was ignited by fire on Sunday after conducting rituals which chiefly included performing of *homa* and puja to *Kalasa*.

Speaking on the occasion, the Sugar Factory General Manager Shivananda Salagar said that the boiler has been ignited and sugarcane crushing for the season will commence from July 29.

Pointing out that it has been set to crush 8 lakh tonnes of sugarcane this season, he said that, at present, the factory has the capacity to crush 3,500 tonnes per day.

Noting that about 8 to 10 lakh tonnes of sugarcane is grown in the surrounding areas of PSSK, he said that the factory will make all possible efforts to crush all sugarcane available in the region.

Asserting that all machineries in the factory have been brought back to a working state, Shivananda Salagar said that cane cutting and transportation practices have been simplified further.

Clarifying that the factory is yet to fix the cane price, he said that the PSSK will announce the cane price after the Government stipulates FRP (Fair and Remunerative Price).

Factory General Manager Gurunath, Crushing Manager Ravi, Kennalu GP President Shwetha Suresh, farmer leader Chikkade Harish, PSSK Employees Union President D. Chikkaiah, Security personnel Shashikumar and Yadavi couple who performed puja and others were present on the occasion.

Making trains safe medium of travel

Police, RPF reach out to passengers, women and say, 'Happy to Help'

Mysuru, July 27 (MTY&BCT)- Ensuring passenger safety and making it easier to reach for help, the Karnataka Police, Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) have launched a novel initiative to abolish all sorts of nuisance, theft and harassment to passengers inside the coaches of trains.

The initiative is to provide more safety and security to passengers, especially women, during their entire journey from the originating station till destination station.

Called the 'Happy to Help' or 'Always at Your Service' initiative, visiting cards are being given to the passengers with contact numbers of the Police officials in the area in case they need help. In all, 69 Policemen in Mysuru have been given these cards with their names and phone numbers printed on them.

The initiative was launched recently, giving a sense of identity to Constables and even educating passengers about an armed force available for their safety. Moreover, commuters are reassured of safety when they know whom to call in case of distress.

To curb undesirable activities

There is also a landline phone number of the Railway Police Station, another mobile number (with WhatsApp facility) and also a website address and the passengers can seek help from any of these. This is the first time in the country when the regular Police force has taken the initiative to curb undesirable activities inside Railway Stations and coaches.

Using this information, people can reach out to the Constables directly for help. These cards have "Happy to Help" both in English and Kannada, a welcoming message for the public to reach out freely.

To ensure the success of this initiative, the RPF too has vowed to work in tandem with the Police. The facility is the brainchild of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Bhaskar Rao and Railways Superintendent of Police Sira Gowri.

Police and RPF officers and staff in-charge of the Railway Stations across cities in Karnataka will visit the stations themselves and hand over visiting cards to the passengers and users of the Railway Station. They will then educate the staffers on how to keep the Railway Stations and trains safe for users of Railway services from nuisance mongers and thefts.

A sense of safety

This gives the public an added sense of safety and even boosts Police morale. Usually, only high-ranking Police officers are given visiting cards, but this initiative ensures the Constables feel responsible and alert to bring down crimes in trains and at Railway Stations, Bhaskar Rao said. In addition to physical cards, the Constables are given digital cards, which can be shared with passengers through WhatsApp.

According to Bhaskar Rao, this initiative will be spread all over the State in a phased manner. The passengers or Railway users who are harassed by criminal elements can call or send a WhatsApp message to reach the Police officials and can ask for their help, he added. As many as 18 major Railway Stations including Mysuru are seeing this activity being implemented.

Cancer Survivors Support Group meet at Cauvery Hospital tomorrow

Mysuru, July 27- On the occasion of World Head and Neck Cancer Day, Cancer Survivors Support Group meet has been organised at Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital in Siddarthanagar tomorrow (July 28) at 11 am.

Dr. Sunil Muddaiah, Dean, Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences, Virajpet, Kodagu, will be the chief guest. Dr. Javeed Nayeem, President, MAHAN-Mysuru, will be the guest of honour. Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Chairman, Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital and Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Managing Director, Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, will be present. For details, contact Mob: 96636-33322.

Takes charge as Hunsur Tahsildar

Mohan Kumar

Hunsur, July 27 (KK & DM)- K.N. Mohan Kumar took charge as the new Tahsildar of Hunsur taluk on Monday.

Mohan Kumar had earlier served as Revenue Inspector at Hunsur and as Deputy Tahsildar at Chunchanakatte in K.R. Nagar taluk. Following his promotion, the Government had posted Mohan Kumar as Hunsur Tahsildar a couple of days ago.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fireside Chat

TiE Mysuru Chapter has organised a Fireside Chat with N.G. Badari Narayan, Founder & Managing Director, S3V Vascular Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, on July 30 from 6 pm to 7.15 pm as part of its Founder Series. Session Moderator: Dr. Mahesh Rao, TiE Charter Member. To register, log on to: https://bit.ly/tiejul21; Zoom link will be shared with registered participants prior to the event. For details, contact Mahesh Kattale, Executive Director, TiE Mysuru Chapter, on Mob: 94481-54063 or e-mail: tie.mysuru@gmail.com.

Free short-term course

Tourism Department and Central Tourism Ministry, under Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood scheme, will be conducting free short-term courses in Hotel Management. Eligible candidates may apply. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2445388 or Mob: 6362018821, according to a press release from the Food Craft Institute Principal.

Ph.D awardee

M.L. Pruthvi has been awarded Ph.D in Botany by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Evaluation of biological activities of syzygium and semecarpus species' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.K. Mahesh.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	112.36	feet
Yesterday	:	111.25	feet
Inflow	:	28,608	cusecs
Outflow	:	11,255	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,280.28	feet
Inflow	:	24,430	cusecs
Outflow	:	25,000	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,855.25	feet
Inflow	:	9,087	cusecs
Outflow	:	8,934	cusecs

Parched South-West Mysuru needs Kabini water: NAREDCO

Real Estate body urges MUDA to increase Bidaragodu project capacity to 180 MLD

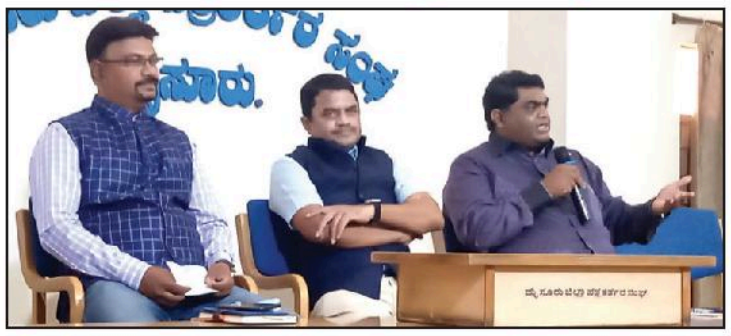
Mysuru, July 27 (PM&BCT)- There is an urgent need to implement the upgraded plan to supply uninterrupted water to South-Western parts of Mysuru city by drawing more water from River Kabini.

The project is estimated to be over Rs. 90 crore and the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has started works on the project with the construction of water pumping, treatment and supply plants.

At a press conference held at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Sunday, National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) Mysuru Unit Chairman N. Divyesh pressed for the speedy and urgent implementation of the project that is aimed at supplying uninterrupted water to both MUDA-formed layouts and MUDA-approved private layouts.

The project can supply water to all the parched areas of South-West Mysuru and it will help the people of R.T. Nagar, J.P. Nagar and hundreds of residents of private and MUDA layouts all along the Ring Road, he said.

"The precise reason why there is no development in the region is the lack of water. Only the rich and the affluent can afford to sink borewells and they are constructing houses while a large part of R.T. Nagar — where over 8,000 sites have been distributed — has remained unoccupied. Also, the huge water tanks built by MUDA to store water are of no use now," he lamented.



NAREDCO State President M. Satish Kumar addressing a press meet in city yesterday. Others seen are (from left) NAREDCO Mysuru Unit Chairman N. Divyesh and Mysuru President T.G. Adisheshan Gowda.

Dependency on borewells

"People here depend on water tankers and borewells. Take J.P. Nagar for example. A water connection was provided in 2012 as per the requirement of the population then. Now the area has grown in leaps and bounds but there is no water and people excessively depend on borewells and private tankers," Divyesh noted.

The Bidaragodu Jackwell point has the capacity to pump 180 MLD (Million Litres per Day) but only 60 MLD is being supplied to Kuvempunagar, J.P. Nagar, Bankers Layout, Jayanagar and surrounding areas. MUDA has to make full utilisation of the remaining 120 MLD to provide water to MUDA and private layouts at R.T. Nagar, Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, J.P. Nagar, University Layout and surrounding areas. "This will benefit over one lakh houses," he said.

Airport runway expansion

NAREDCO Mysuru President T.G. Adisheshan Gowda advocated faster land acquisition to expand the runway of Mysore Airport at Mandakalli for which the Centre has allocated Rs. 700 crore. At present, the Airport has a single runway of 1,740 metres in length which is only suitable for ATR planes providing short-haul flight operations.

The existing Airport is spread over 507 acres and under the expansion project, the length of the runway has to be increased to 2,750 metres and 45 metres width that allows jet aircraft such as Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 to land.

An additional 240 acres of land is required for the purpose and the land acquiring process must be speeded up by paying compensation to the landholders, he said and noted that the State Government has to release Rs. 400 crore for the land acquisition.

He said that NAREDCO will host a seminar at the Mysore Airport premises soon to draw attention of the Government on the uses of expanded runway including increased revenue, boosting growth in the region and also manifold increase in employment opportunities. Heads of Government, MP Pratap Simha and MLAs would be invited for the seminar. NAREDCO State President M. Satish Kumar was present at the press conference.

Four shops burgled in 45 days at Hanumanthanagar in city

- Burglars target shops on main road
- Shopkeepers worried about serial thefts

Mysuru, July 27 (MTY&KS)- Serial theft of shops located on the main road of Hanumanthanagar in Bannimantap has not only left the shop owners in a State of shock but has also left them worried as four shops including two medical shops have been burgled in a span of 45 days.

Yesterday between 1.40 am and 2.17 am, two medical shops including a Jan Aushadhi Kendra have been burgled. A CCTV camera has captured masked burglars decamping with cash and a few items from the medical shop.

Benaka Medicals

At about 1.40 am, three masked burglars, who came in a white coloured Honda Activa scooter and a Bajaj Pulsar bike, along with an iron crowbar, broke opened the five locks of the medical store and used the crowbar to lift the shutter.

While two of them gained entry into the medical store, one of them stood guard at a distance to give signal to his accomplices in case anyone comes. The burglars have decamped with Rs. 8,000 cash from the cash box and a few items from the shop.

Jan Aushadhi Kendra

After burgling Benaka Medicals, the burglars targeted the Jan Aushadhi Kendra, next to Anjaneyaswamy Temple on the Main Road. Burglars, who broke open the locks of the shutter, entered the shop and first stole Rs. 3,000 cash kept in the cash box and also made away with a few items such as gift boxes, sanitary pads and other items worth about Rs. 9,200 from the shop.

In these two burglaries, the thieves have given importance to stealing cash but have also stolen items they could lay their hands on but have not taken away tablets and other drugs.

The burglary incident has been captured by a CCTV camera. The thieves on entering the medical store, first changed the direction of the CCTV camera installed on the wall above the cash table and also switched on the torch focusing the light beam to the CCTV Camera. The burglary incident has been captured by the CCTV camera installed opposite the medical store. The camera has also captured the burglars breaking open the locks and forcibly opening the shutter of the shop.

Milk booth burgled on June 1

On June 1 between 1 am and 2.15 am, burglars had forcibly opened the shutters of the Nandini Milk Booth, next to Anjaneyaswamy Temple on Hanumanthanagar Main Road and had made away with Rs. 3,000 cash and milk and milk products worth Rs. 16,000 from the milk booth, according to the complaint by the milk booth owner.

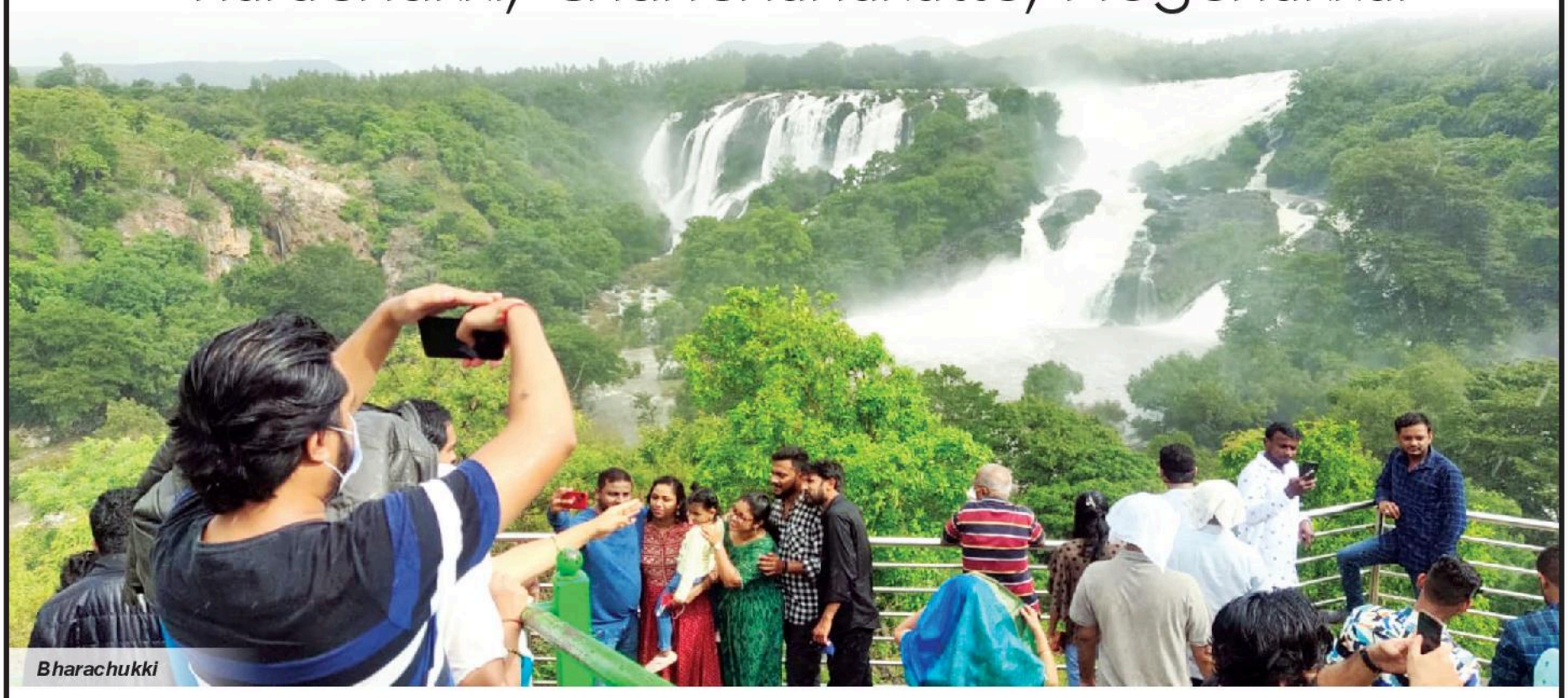
After a few days of the milk booth being robbed, a medical store in the same locality was burgled and the thieves had decamped with Rs. 1,000 cash. Shop owners have lodged complaints at N.R. Police Station and the Police conducted an inspection of the crime spots and have obtained the CCTV footages. Investigation is going on.

Need for Police beat

Meanwhile, shopkeepers of Hanumanthanagar have urged Police to increase the frequency of the beat system to put an end to burglaries besides taking steps to prevent thefts in future.

Gorgeous Cascades

Bharachukki, Chunchanakatte, Hogenakkal



Bharachukki

Mysuru, July 27 (Akshay, Nagendra, MTY& BCT)- The Centre's warning on 'revenge travel' notwithstanding, hundreds of people are visiting the nearby spectacular waterfalls in Mysuru region including Gaganachukki, Bharachukki, Chunchanakatte and also Hogenakkal.

Coined last year, the term 'revenge travel' is being thoroughly put into practice now as thousands flock to hill stations, tourist spots and retreats. The phenomenon of revenge travel refers to the desire of going on a vacation after an extended period of lockdown.

The Centre has stated that people are indulging in 'revenge travel' and thousands of people with no masks are roaming around. This is dangerous. People need to understand this is a continuous fight. The virus is not exhausted, it is still there. Only COVID-appropriate behaviour can control the virus, the Centre stated, with fears of a possible third wave looming large.

However, for the people who are unmindful of the restrictions, seeing the tourist spots including waterfalls is their prime objective. Long queues of vehicles stuck on serpentine roads are a common scene at the spectacular waterfalls.

Thanks to bountiful rains and the release of water from the Harangi and Krishna Raja Sagar Reservoirs, the waterfalls at Gaganachukki, Bharachukki, Chunchanakatte and Hogenakkal are in full glory with Gaganachukki and Bharachukki emerging hot favourites due to the cascading waterfall from great heights.

While Bharachukki Falls is located in Chamarajanagar District (Kollegal Taluk), Gaganachukki is in Mandya (Malavalli Taluk). The two branches (eastern and western branches — Gaganachukki and Bharachukki) flow through deep ravines on either side of the island before plunging into two different places a few kilometres apart to form the Gaganachukki and Bharachukki waterfalls. Gaganachukki and Bharachukki waterfalls are together known as Shivanasamudra Falls.

CHUNCHANAKATTE

Chunchanakatte Falls is also attracting visitors from far and wide. Also called Dhanushkoti waterfall, it is located at Chunchanakatte village near K.R. Nagar. Water is being released aplenty from Harangi Dam in Kodagu and at Dhanushkoti, before the water reaches KRS, water falls from a height of more than 65 feet like milk foam.

Also, water flows with great force here as a private company produces electricity 300 metres away from Chunchanakatte Falls. Apart from the waterfalls, people also visit Anjaneya, Kodandarama and Seetha Devi Temples on the banks. Weekends saw extra rush at Chunchanakatte where a majority of people came on bikes with their friends and partners.

Amidst the falls, there is a Seetha Devi 'madu' (whirlpool) here. Legend says, during Ramayana, Seetha Devi used to bathe in this place and one day, Lord Rama's brother Lakshman accidentally came near the place without realising that Seetha Devi is taking bath. Later, Seetha Devi built a protective wall with boulders around the whirlpool.

HOGENAKKAL FALLS

Hogenakkal Falls is on the border between Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu and Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka. Carbonatite rocks in this site are considered to be the oldest of its kind in South Asia and one of the oldest in the world.

The word Hogenakkal is formed of two Kannada words *hoge* and *kal*. When the water falls on the rocks it appears as if *hoge* (smoke) is emanating from the top of the *kal* (rock) because of the force of the water, hence Hogenakkal (smoking rocks).

Before entering Hogenakkal, River Cauvery reaches Mekedatu, also a tourist spot, located on the border of Chamarajanagar and Ramanagara Districts. Mekedatu means Goat's Leap in Kannada. Legend has it that the channel was so narrow that sheep would jump across and hence the name *Meke* (goat) and *datu* (cross). Here the river jumps into a deep narrow gorge▪

Chunchanakatte

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

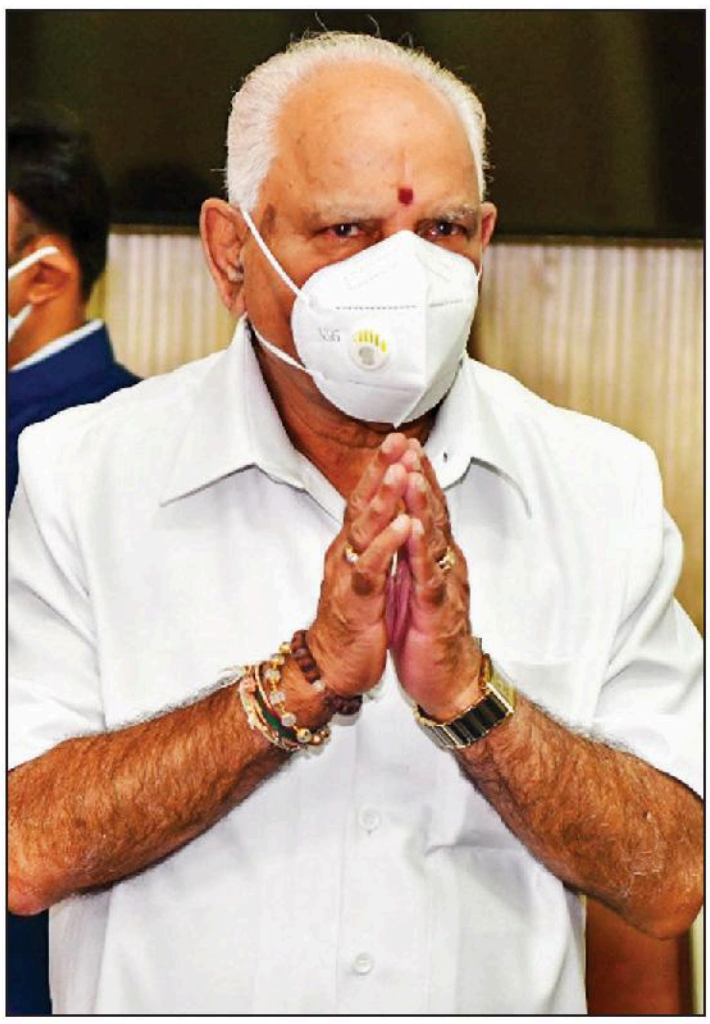
BJP as a political party treats its members with dignity

History tells us like life, power is not for ever. The resignation of B.S. Yediyurappa as the Chief Minister of Karnataka yesterday was unfortunate for a politician who worked like a bull to build the party from the day he joined RSS. Though a staunch Hindu, he was never a fanatic much less a fundamentalist.

It was only a hop, step and jump to politics with the blessings of RSS and as expected, tasted success from the lowest local body to the highest State Assembly. That he could keep the disparate elected MLAs belonging to different castes, creed and religion of his party, BJP, together for so long is no mean achievement.

Naturally, the BJP High Command too was noble enough to recognise his service to the party and reward him from time to time, in BJP's times of low and times of high. He was not ignored or sidelined for the position BJP had in its power. I do not agree that there was none whom the BJP could have projected as its State leader, irrespective of the caste factor. Didn't BJP make A.K. Subbaiah, the State President? He belonged to Kodava community whose population is just one-and-a-half lakh, and came to get 18 MLAs in 1983. Of course, this success made him over-confident so much so, he began speaking in a way 'after me the deluge' about RSS and the BJP. But people of Karnataka know what happened to BJP and Subbaiah with Yediyurappa too facing the same situation when he quit BJP, formed his own party (KJP) because of over-confidence born out of 17% Lingayat vote bank, but lost.

Of course, BJP could not make it because of marginal loss of votes in many Constituencies to its candidates. That loss was due to Yediyurappa's party candidates. But soon Yediyurappa made a home-coming and since then, except for the period of 2013-2018 when Congress under Siddharamaiah came to power and surprisingly Siddharamaiah lasted a full 5-year term.



What we see in India about the leadership and the Government is only because of Democracy. May we never compromise on Democracy as a form of Government for whatsoever reason. Like the English man says, "England, with all thy faults, I love thee still" let us also say, "Democracy, with all thy faults, I love thee still."

BJP had had a good period and as a Chief Minister to Yediyurappa too. Look at this:

First term, from November 7, 2007 to November 19, 2007. **Second term,** from May 20, 2008 to July 31, 2011. **Third term,** from May 17, 2018 to May 19, 2018. **Fourth term,** from July 26, 2019 to July 26 (yesterday), 2021. Saddest part is unlike Siddharamaiah of Congress, B.S. Yediyurappa could not complete the full term — the age factor primarily.

However, if the BJP High Command could be noble enough to reward Yediyurappa, in spite of the party's self-imposed rule of age factor to hold the political office, by allowing him to hold the office of the Chief Minister even when he had completed 75 years (agebar) at the time he took over as CM in 2019, the BJP High Command could have shown the same noble quality, as a special case, to complete that tail-ender period of about two years with a great ceremonious send-off, in front of the Vidhana Soudha, following the example of the Congress!

Thank God, BJP did not 'sack' Yediyurappa in a humiliating manner like Congress did with Andhra Chief Minister T. Anjaiah or Veerendra Patil of Karnataka. Remember? But BJP treats its leaders with dignity.

Since the days of democracy in City States of Greece, especially Athens, Democracy has never been a Government of the people, by the people and for the people. The question arises who in fact decides what is good for the people (the State) and what is not. Individuals in the Government holding highest office, mercifully, till the next election. Where is the collective or majority decision, both in times of war and peace? History is replete with examples where poor leadership has led nations to war and the good leadership won the war.

Take Britain during the II World War. And Bertrand Russell, the British Philosopher, Mathematician and Nobel Laureate says World War I was essentially egotistical — not for the good of countries who participated. It was intended to satisfy somebody's ego.

Democracy is a shadow of a few individuals who hold real power once elected. It is an act of tight rope walking for the contestant, but once he wins, he is the hero, leader, all powerful. He decides or manipulates the system to suit his needs. We see this happening in our own city; imagine then the State and the country?

But, we must not forget that Democracy is the only form of Government that is good compared to all other forms of Governments — one party Government (Communist), Military rule, Dictatorship, Dynastic or Monarchy. In Democracy, we have at least the choice (or opportunity) to change the Government after a few years — four years or five years or six years whatever. Some hope of getting a better Government.

Therefore, what we see in India about the leadership and the Government is only because of Democracy. May we never compromise on Democracy as a form of Government for whatsoever reason. Like the English man says, "England, with all thy faults, I love thee still" let us also say, "Democracy, with all thy faults, I love thee still."

It is because of Democracy we have a new Government at Delhi and in our State and in other States of our country, no matter to which party they belong.

Jai Democracy, Jai Hind.

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Who will succeed B.S. Yediyurappa ?

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Though it is not confirmed, party leaders have indicated that the leadership will consider Yediyurappa's preferences while choosing his successor. The Observers will have to assess the tone and mood before finalising a successor.

"The High Command has to see the tone and mood of the legislators. They will have to weigh all the factors and decisions will be taken by the Central leadership in accordance with the outcome of the Legislature Party meeting," a BJP leader said. If at all the new leader is elected or announced this evening, the swearing-in ceremony of the new CM will be held on Thursday (July 29) on the lawns of Raj Bhavan.

BSY follower ends life

Chamarajanagar, July 27 (SS & BCT)- A die-hard fan of Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa (BSY) committed suicide unable to digest the fact that Yediyurappa is no longer the CM.

The deceased has been identified as 35-year-old Rajappa alias Ravi, an employee at a hotel who took the extreme step as soon as the news broke of CM resigning yesterday. Ravi was a resident of Bommalapura village in Gundlupet taluk.

Taking to twitter, Yediyurappa shared his grief over Ravi's passing away with his family members and appealed to his followers to keep their admiration within acceptable limits. "I am hurt and disappointed over the suicide. Ups and downs are natural in politics and ending one's life for such things is unacceptable. Nobody can make up for the loss of family," he tweeted.

CESC Lineman electrocuted

Hunsur, July 27 (Raghu,KK &KS)- A CESC lineman, who was undertaking repair works was electrocuted at Hosapura village, Bilikere hobli in the taluk yesterday. The deceased is Karinaika (51), a resident of Benkipura village in Bilikere. His assistant Prashanth, who suffered serious injuries, has been admitted to a Hospital in Mysuru.

Karinaika, serving as 2nd Grade Mechanic at CESC, was repairing a transformer near Hosapura under Challahalli Gram Panchayat limits on Monday afternoon, when he was electrocuted and died on the pole.

CESC Executive Engineer Sunil and AEE Vijayarathna who visited the spot said that the exact reason for the incident will be known only after an investigation. A case has been registered at Bilikere Police Station.

Dr. Sudha Murty delivers lecture

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Stressing on the need for women to get educated, Sudha Murty said that women should also acquire minimum financial knowledge in these days of global competition and economic challenges, where finance has been playing a key role in every aspect of life.

Underlining the need for students to develop sportsman spirit, she said that such a spirit will be of great help in building their careers and professional growth. Calling for shunning superstitious beliefs, Dr. Sudha Murty said that people should not develop arrogance and complacence when they achieve success in their professional business.

Emphasising on the need for entrepreneurship development, she said that enterprising youths should not wait or chase for jobs and instead start enterprises that provide jobs to hundreds of skilled youths. Courage and confidence are two vital factors for success, she added.

Floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar on the occasion.

Prof. S. Ayyappa, Chairman of Karnataka Science and Technology Academy and Chancellor of Central Agricultural University, Imphal was the Guest of Honour.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presided. Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and others were present.

'Third wave of COVID may affect kids'

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Addressing the workshop for the elected representatives and officers who successfully faced the first and the second wave of COVID-19, and readiness to face the coming third wave, Paediatrician Dr. Savitha said Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) is a serious condition that appears to be linked to COVID-19. Most children, who will be infected with the COVID-19 virus, will have the mild illness. But it was better to subject them for MIS-C test along with RT-PCR, Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and antibody test to examine immunity in kids. The swab sample must be collected once in 12 hours to know its intensity. However, 95 percent of asymptomatic children may only require home isolation with no investigation, testing and treatment. Children in the age group of 0-5 need not wear mask. But it was optional for kids in the age group of 5-12 years. Tele-medical consultation was important for them, she added.

Dr. Savitha said since the chances of parents spreading Coronavirus to children are high, they must be very careful. The safety protocol such as face mask, social distancing and frequent hand santisation, must be followed to check the passing of virus to their wards. It was better if they take both doses of vaccine that would act as the shield against the contagion. Rigorous testing will be held at Schools and Anganwadi Centres to target the malnourished kids as they easily contract the virus and treat them with nutritious diet, she said.

Breastfeeding is must for babies in the age group of 0 to 6 months as mother's milk helps to improve immunity in them. The Corona positive children will tend to be in aggressive mood as they cannot express their difficulties like elders. The common symptoms among the kids will be fever, cough, loose stool, sore throat, breathlessness, nasal block and body pain. In case of MIS-C, kids develop small red colour boils on the body. Such children must be brought to hospital for treatment. The cost of treatment is very high but all tests will be done free of cost at Cheluvamba Hospital, she said adding that mutation is common for any virus and COVID-19 is no exception. In case of its mutation, around 12 percent of kids may be hit but there is no need for them to worry as the chances of fatality is less.

Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 And Alanahalli Survey No.41

Supreme Court rejects State's Special Leave Petition

Mysuru, July 27 (BCT)- In a setback to the State Government, the Supreme Court yesterday dismissed its Special Leave Petition against a High Court's judgement on land at Kurubarahalli Survey Number 4, Alanahalli Survey Number 41 and Chowdalli Survey Number 39.

Former Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru P.S. Vastrad had declared the land as 'A Kharab' (private land) and later, owing to some developments, had declared the same land as 'B Kharab' (Government land) and meant for public purposes.

Several land owners had approached the High Court against the DC's order and the Court had ordered the DC to re-examine the declaration of 'B Kharab' status. Examining the issue, former DC C. Shikha again declared the extent of land as 'B Kharab' and also clamped restrictions on the land conversion and sale activities.

Due to this order, people who had purchased land in the said survey numbers from the then City Improvement Trust Board (now Mysuru Urban Development Authority - MUDA) faced severe hardships as they could not initiate the process of Khatha change, secure permission to construct buildings, alter the buildings or even to procure bank loans.

Again questioning the DC's order, land owners filed a Writ Petition in the High Court and a Single Bench overturned the DC's order on Dec. 15, 2020, which declared those lands as Government land. Later, Rohini Sindhuri, who took over as Mysuru DC, filed a Special Leave Petition before the Supreme Court through well-known lawyer Harish Salve.

The Supreme Court Bench of Justices U.U. Lalit and Ajay Rastogi, however, rejected the Government plea and said that the State can't wake up after decades when the land has already been purchased by the people.

Following the rejection of State plea, people who bought the land will continue to enjoy fruits of their properties as the Government's efforts to get control over those lands have been rejected.

17 lakh among 33 lakh population vaccinated in Mysuru: DHO

Dr. Prasad

Giving details on preparedness of District Health Department for the third wave, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad said so far, 17 lakh people of the total 33 lakh population of the District have undergone RT-PCR testing.

Out of 17 lakh tested, 1.70 lakh persons have tested positive for Coronavirus. The District Mortality Rate stands at 1.5 percent to 2 percent. Out of 1.70 lakh positive patients, 2 percent of people have succumbed to the virus.

He said the District was in a position to handle 3,000 Corona positive cases daily. The ICU beds and the ventilators are available even for 3,000 to 4,000 patients thanks to setting up of the oxygen generating plants in the Government facilities. Five beds are reserved in each Primary Health Centre and Taluk General Hospital for children.

As many as 170 Paediatricians are kept ready to deal with any emergency while 150 ICU beds are reserved at Super Specialty Hospital and District Hospital and 120 beds in various Private Hospitals, he said.

In all, 600 additional beds are kept ready along with 6,000 beds which have been created during the first and the second wave of pandemic, he added.

Dacoits loot gold, cash after tying up family members in Hunsur

Hunsur, July 27 (KK, Raghu & KS) - A gang of five dacoits, who barged into a house after brandishing a pistol, have reportedly decamped with gold ornaments and cash from the house yesterday night after tying up the family members.

The dacoity took place at the house of Mumtaz Ahmed, near Mangala Bhoodi Mantap in the town.

Details: On Monday at about 8 pm, five unidentified persons, who came to the house of Mumtaz Ahmed asked for the doctor, who provides treatment for piles next to the house.

Injured Nasrunnisa undergoing treatment at Hunsur General Hospital.

When Ahmed's wife Nasrunnisa told them that the doctor had left as it was night, the unidentified persons asked for her husband and when Nasrunnisa called her husband, one of the gang members brandished a pistol and all of them barged into the house.

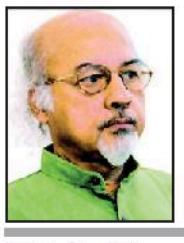
They then tied up Ahmed, Nasrunnisa, children Ayesha Anjum and Gajalat Taranum. When Ahmed and his wife showed resistance, the gang members assaulted them with a knife causing injuries to them. After tying the hands and legs of the family members, the gang plastered their mouths and threatened of murdering them if they make noise. The gang then looted Rs. 6 lakh cash, about 500 grams of gold ornaments and fled from the house.

Passersby, who heard the family members shouting from inside the house, opened the door and admitted the injured to a hospital besides informing the Police.

Inspectors C.V. Ravi and Chikkaswamy, visited the spot. Dog Squad and Fingerprint experts were also summoned. Additional SP Shivakumar also visited the spot.

A case has been registered at Hunsur Town Police Station.

India under intolerant Indians



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has named Delhi's Hindu College as the best in the country in Arts and Science streams. It is a well-deserved distinction based on its academic standards, the role played by its campus societies and its placement records.

The name of the College also brings out the peculiar Indian practice of linking education with religion. This is a regressive approach, started during the colonial period by selfish Christian missionaries. In Oxford or Cambridge, Harvard or Stanford, France's Sorbonne or Sweden's Karolinska, religion was never thrust into the nomenclature of educational institutions. How did it become part and parcel of Indian culture?

When Madras emerged as the epicentre of education in the South with famous College featuring on its marquee, religious labelling was ingrained into the process, no one thinking about it as something special. Madras Christian College and Loyola College became more popular than the non-denominational Presidency College or Pachaiyappa's College, the first educational institution in the South not founded by the British. The culture of those days was summed up in the saying: The gentlemen of Christian, the slaves of Loyola, the princes of Presidency and the rowdies of Pachaiyappas. (Pachaiyappa Mudaliar who became a "master financier and merchant prince when he was just 22" ensured that the institutions he financed had outstanding architectural distinction. Until 1947, the College admitted only Hindu students.)

Why Pachaiyappas got identified with rowdy types is not clear. The College's motto is "Mind Moves Matter." But headlines often put a question mark on that motto. In July 2019, a group of machete-wielding students from Pachaiyappas chased another group from the same College. Police identified 90 "route rowdies," commuting students "elected" as leaders of students travelling to College on a particular bus or train. These rowdies had their own rules and anyone who violated them would be punished in ways they would never forget.

The very idea that students travelling to their College should be subject to control by violence-prone student "leaders" pointed to a negative culture gaining ground. This was a long way from the culture that led to the founding of Nalanda and Takshashila Universities. Chanakya was one of the teachers at Takshashila where he composed Arthashastra. Earlier in the 12th century, fire destroyed more than nine million manuscripts in Nalanda. Not long after that invader Bakhtiyar Khalji destroyed what was left of that University. Fire and invaders destroy our centres of learning, but not those in Europe or America. Why the difference?

Among the top ten Universities in the world as listed by Times Higher Education (THE), Harvard comes first followed by Cambridge, Columbia, Oxford, Yale, Stanford, Sorbonne, Chicago, Michigan and Princeton. Not one from the East. Among the top 100 Universities as recognised by the world, China's Nanyang and Peking Universities appear in the 78th and 87th positions respectively. The National University of Singapore has the 99th rank. Not one from India that is Bharat.

There is nothing surprising here. Education is an unimportant topic among the decision makers of today's India. More than 30 percent of School teachers do not have a degree. And 40 percent Schools are without electricity. There are Schools where cheating during examinations is officially encouraged. There are also Schools where children have to sweep the floors and serve meals to the teachers. Beating the kids with rulers is a routine. The Right To Education (RTE) Act is only on paper.

Sanjeev Sabhlok, Secretary of the Education Department in Assam in the 1990s, said bluntly in 2019: "The system is almost totally corrupt. Teacher posts and transfers are sold." Under the Modi Government, the neglect of agriculture and education became something of a scandal.

This is the context in which the Hindu College's rating needs to be understood. In 2018, it stood fourth and in 2019 second. Rated the best in 2018 was Miranda House. In 2021, University of Delhi topped the list with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) of Bombay, Kanpur, Madras and Delhi following in that order.

Three reasons were given for naming a College after Miranda (not an Indian name). Vice-Chancellor Sir Maurice Gwyer's favourite actress was Carmen Miranda, his daughter's name was Miranda and Shakespeare character named Miranda *(The Tempest)* symbolised for him what a lady should be. Innocent were those days when idealism was respected and one could follow one's creative instincts without bothering about its politics. Where is that India? How did the malignity of politics overtake lucidity of education? Why has broad-minded India been subjugated by intolerant Indians?

District Minister Somashekar thanks Mysureans

Mysuru, July 27 (SSV)- District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar has thanked the Mysureans for extending full co-operation in the execution of several development works in the District for the last two years.

In a press release here yesterday, he said the Government headed by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had done many things for overall development of the State. The Department of Co-operation has instilled confidence in farmers and traders who have been hit by COVID-19 pandemic. Loans and facilities were extended for them to achieve self-reliance.

"I have visited Mysuru for over 150 times in the last 15 months. Besides, I have met citizens and the elected representatives of 11 Assembly Constituencies by visiting at least four times and also responded to their needs and demands. I have discharged by duty as the Cabinet Minister to my satisfaction and I am indebted to the Delhi leaders. I thank all my Cabinet colleagues for their full co-operation in the last 24 months," he said.

Somashekar said during the Corona crisis, the Co-operative institutions and the APMCs have collectively contributed Rs.58 crore towards the Chief Minister's Medical Relief Fund. Through this, those institutions have proved they are always ready to help when the people faced difficulties. His Department has distributed Rs.3,000 as incentive each for 42,500 ASHA workers which cost Rs.12.75 crore for the Government treasury. Apart from this, contributions were collected from various Co-operative institutions and the same have been distributed among all districts, he added.

When Corona positive cases reached its peak, the demand for oxygen and beds spiked. At that time, 100 oxygenated beds were created at the Super Specialty Hospital, Trauma Care Centre and Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital. Besides, the sufficient quantity of oxygen was ensured in the entire District. The CM was explained about the need to take up the developmental works in the layouts formed by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and got permission from the State Government to utilise Rs.377 crore available with the MUDA. Besides, steps have been taken for supplying 120 MLD of Kabini water to Mysuru city. The construction of multi-storey housing complexes on behalf of MUDA was in Detailed Project Report (DPR) stage, Somashekar said.

The Minister said Dasara is celebrated in grand scale with the participation of lakhs of tourists from across the country. But, due to Corona pandemic, this 'Nada Habba' was celebrated in a simple manner by spending Rs.2.20 crore as against Rs.10 crore released by the Government last year. For the first time, the statement of expenditure has been put up on the public domain. "I could do all these, thanks to the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari and Lord Srikanteshwara and the wishes of Mysureans," he said.

Releases brochure on two years of BJP Govt.

Co-operation and District Minister S.T.Somashekar releasing a brochure specially brought out in connection with the completion of two years by the BJP Government headed by Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa, at Government Guest House in city on Sunday. MLA L.Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Department of Information and Public Relations Assistant Director R. Raju and District Minister's Special Officer Dinesh Gooligowda are also seen.

Rs. 3.65 crore for Mysuru Zoo

The Minister said with no footfall owing to the outbreak of Corona positive cases and subsequent lockdown, the Mysuru Zoo faced difficulties in maintenance and feeding of animals. With no funds from the State Government, the Zoo depended fully on the people's help. At that juncture, he, with the help of other Ministers, pooled Rs.3.65 crore. This was done for the first time in the history of Karnataka, he claimed.

Baby elephant falls into pit; rescued

Kushalnagar, July 27 (Akshay& BCT)- A baby elephant fell into a narrow toilet pit this morning near Gonikoppal in Kodagu district. The one-and-a-half-year-old calf has been rescued now.

The incident occurred at Bhadragola near Devarapura village and the desperate trumpeting of the baby elephant drew the attention of M.M. Subramani who owns the coffee estate where the open pit is located. The calf fell into the pit last night or early this morning and was unable to come up as the pit had cement rings in it.

Forest officials were alerted and with the help of villagers, one ring was removed and wooden planks were placed so that the baby elephant could climb up. Ranger Rajappa led the operation along with localities.

After about three hours, the exhausted elephant was rescued. The calf was moving inside the estate along with a herd that had a couple of pachyderms.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Uthappa said that the Department was initially mulling an option of tranquillising the elephant. However, the plan was ruled out as the elephant is young and may not sustain the effects of tranquilliser dart. Later it was decided to remove a pit ring and put up wooden planks.

However, the planks were of no use and in the end, the calf was pulled out by another domesticated elephant with the help of a rope.

After the rescue operation, the exhausted calf was fed with water and food. Uthappa said that the herd was in a nearby area of the forest and the calf would be taken there after three to four hours when the elephant recuperates. "We will not shift the calf to the elephant camp as its mother is nearby. We will closely observe it till it reaches the herd," he said.

Three persons commit suicide

Mysuru, July 27 (YDS&KS)- In separate incidents, three persons have committed suicide in city on Sunday.

In the first case, a 45-year-old man has ended his life by allegedly consuming excess sedatives. The deceased is Ramaswamy, a resident of Hosabandikeri. It is learnt that Ramaswamy, who was suffering from depression, was on sedatives to get sleep and had consumed excess sedatives and died, according to Police. K.R. Police have registered a case.

In the second case, Mahesh (36), a resident of Ashokapuram, committed suicide by hanging self. Police said that Mahesh was living separately from his wife and was in financial problems. Ashokapuram Police have registered a case.

In the third case, a 23-year-old youth, said to be depressed following the demise of his parents, committed suicide by immolating self after pouring petrol on him on the outskirts of Kadakola.

The deceased is Shambu, a resident of Motha village in Nanjangud taluk. Shambu, who suffered serious burn injuries, was admitted to a hospital, where he breathed his last, according to Police. Mysuru South Police have registered a case.

Factory theft: Three held

Mysuru, July 27 (MK&KS)- Mysuru Rural Police have arrested three persons on charges of breaking into a factory and stealing various machines.

The arrested are Tousif Khan, Mohammed Siddiq and Mohammed Ali of Mandi Mohalla in city.

The accused had broken into N.H. Engineering Works at Rammanahalli and had stolen a welding machine, cut off machine and grinding machine, all worth about Rs. 20,500, following which Noorulla Shariff, Proprietor of N.H. Engineering Works, had lodged a complaint on July 19.

Mysuru Rural Police, who had registered a case, conducted investigation and arrested the three accused besides recovering the stolen machines.

Mysuru Rural Police Inspector Shashikumar, Sub-Inspector Tirumallesh and staff C.K. Mahesh, Prasanna Kumar, Nanjundaswamy, Satish and Devappa took part in the nabbing operation.

Senior Scientist Dr. Belagaje Krishnamurthy passes away

Mysuru, July 27- **Dr. Belagaje Krishnamurthy** (79), a Senior Scientist and a resident of Vijayanagar, passed away on July 25 following cardiac arrest in city.

He leaves behind his wife Lalita Krishnamurthy, brothers, sisters and a host of students, relatives and friends. His brother Dr. Belagaje Ramamurthy was bestowed with *Padma Shri* award for his contribution in the field of Science and technology in 1977.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam on July 25.

Hailing from Panja village in Sullia taluk, Dr. Krishnamurthy completed his degree at St. Philomena's College in Puttur and completed his Ph.D in USA. He worked as a Scientist and Professor in USA for 16 years and was honoured with the Best Teacher Award. After returning to India, Dr. Krishnamurthy served as a Professor at the Department of Chemistry, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

Obituary

A. Abdul Ghani

Mysuru, July 27- A. Abdul Ghani (88), senior advocate and former President of Mysore Bar Association, passed away this morning at his residence in Mandi Mohalla in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Dargahi Masjid on Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla after Isha prayers (8.30 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Pushpabai

Pushpabai (64), wife of Parasmal Gadiya (Proprietor of Mangal Distributors on Devaraj Urs Road), passed away yesterday afternoon in city.

She leaves behind her husband, sons JITO Mysuru Chief Secretary Mahaveer P. Jain and Rajesh P. Jain, daughter Deepika Achha and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Dr. T. Sadashivamarla

Dr. T. Sadashivamarla (71), retired Senior Manager of Vijaya Bank and a resident of Shakthinagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind daughter LIC Development Officer Urmila Rai, son Dr. Vinaymarla, son-in-law Dr. Yashwanth Rai and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Gowhar Taj

Gowhar Taj (57), wife of N.K. Samiulla Khan (retired Assistant Child Development Project Officer) and a resident of Udayagiri, passed away following brief illness in city yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband, sons Wasim, Mohsin and Salim Ali Khan (Advocate), daughter Roohi and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle yesterday evening.

Alhaj Abdul Azeez

Alhaj Abdul Azeez (58), son of Mohammed Yaseen (Secretary of Masjid-e-Noor at Ghousianagar) and a resident of Christian Colony in Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday morning in city following cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle yesterday.

Arif Jan Sarwari

Arif Jan Sarwari (82), a resident of Kesare, Rajendranagar, passed away yesterday afternoon in city.

He leaves behind his wife, six sons including Abdul Khader Shahid (President of Mysore District Congress Azeez Sait Block) and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid Khatoon-e-Jannath at Belvatta in Kesare, after Isha prayers followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle yesterday.

Parveen Taj

Hunsur: Parveen Taj (55), former Member, City Municipal Council and wife of Mohammed Peer (former Vice-President of City Municipal Council), passed away yesterday.

A resident of Lalchand Street in the town, she leaves behind her husband, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds at Shabeer Nagar yesterday evening.

Mani

Mani (40), wife of K.A. Gopalgowda (Kallahalli Veterinary Hospital Officer) and a resident of Kalaboochanahalli village in the taluk, passed away yesterday in the village.

She leaves behind her husband, three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the family's farm land in the village yesterday evening.

Mahadevamma

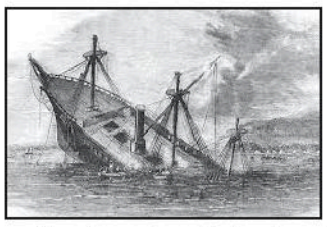
Periyapatna: Mahadevamma (70), wife of Shivaraj and a resident of Nehru Road, passed away on Sunday in the town.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, two daughters, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds yesterday afternoon.

WORD OF THE DAY

Flounder



Pronunciation: FLOUN-der.
Meaning: To struggle to move or obtain footing : thrash about wildly; to proceed or act clumsily or ineffectually.
Origin: Flounder is a relatively common verb that current evidence dates to the late 16th century, when it was likely born by means of an alteration of an older verb, founder. The two have been confused ever since. Today, founder is most often used as a synonym of fail, or, in the case of a waterborne vessel, as a word meaning "to fill with water and sink." Formerly, it was also frequently applied when a horse stumbled badly and was unable to keep walking. It's likely this sense of founder led to the original and now-obsolete meaning of flounder: "to stumble." In modern use, flounder typically means "to struggle" or "to act clumsily"; the word lacks the finality of founder, which usually denotes complete collapse or failure, as that of a sunken ship.
Example: "Tech geeks will read the book with knowing amusement; those of us floundering in the rarefied air will encounter baffling jargon and acronyms scattered like birdseed through the pages." — Lee Langley, The Spectator, 29 May 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Fantassin

Infantry soldier.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Champagne taste on a beer budget

Meaning: The phrase 'champagne taste on a beer budget' refers to someone who lives above her means and likes expensive things she can't possibly afford.
Origin: Towards the end of the 19th century, champagne was associated with prestige, luxury and a symbol of status and class. Since its invention beer is the most popular alcoholic beverage, representing a more affordable and common lifestyle. The phrase 'Champagne Taste on a Beer Budget' combines the two, meaning luxury on limited income. It was first recorded in a news item by Howard Fielding and Frederick R.Barton 'The Victim of his Clothes'. Published in the July edition of The Globe-Republican in 1890: "School mastering I found, did not pay for a man who had acquired champagne taste on a beer budget..."
Example: Laura – "I can't believe Kimberly spent her entire salary on her red Jimmy Choo's." Dana– "That doesn't surprise me at all, she has a champagne taste on a beer budget."

QUOTE BOX

Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.—**Gloria Steinem**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

TUNNEL

Answer :Light at the end of the tunnel.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Unable to speak
5 Former coin of France
8 ____ over : glance at or look through?
12 Chart of Egypt's capital (5,3)
14 Epee handle
15 Romantic singers
16 Strap used in guiding a horse
17 Scottish river
18 Make a trip
20 Advantages
23 Heavy metal group ____ Maiden
24 Familial hostility
25 Gym shoe
28 British naval sailor
29 Of equal value? (2,3)
30 Hurried or sped
32 Pivoting point
34 Great ___ : big sort of a dog?
35 Single digit
36 Amiably eccentric
37 Astronomical distance of 3.26 light years
40 A cricket extra
41 Cast _ __ wide : search a large area? (1,3)
42 Convey
47 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
48 Image or similarity
49 Of common occurrence
50 The solver
51 Group of three

DOWN
1 Roman 1200
2 Former Mideast org.
3 Uncle in Spain
4 Wore away
5 One of Captain Hook's men
6 Put one's __ in : meddle or interfere with?
7 Against the current
8 Grew less or diminished
9 Capital of Ukraine
10 Mr Nasty Natase of tennis?
11 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
13 Singles
19 Animal noise
20 Newt - "fet" anagram?
21 Unable to hear
22 Spiritual teacher
23 Data fed to computer
25 Fastidiously
26 "E" of QED
27 Have a fit
29 Pimples
31 Famous French marshal
33 Sheen or gloss
34 Does not get contracted!
36 Force unit
37 Duo or couple
38 Against
39 Chain of rocks
40 Capital of Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea?
43 River, to Juanita
44 Mal de ___ : sea sickness in French?
45 Ind. Standards Inst.
46 Tech. Std. Order

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	C	A	R	A	B	■	S	T	A	R	T	S
T	■	R	A	R	E	■	T	E	N	■	■	E
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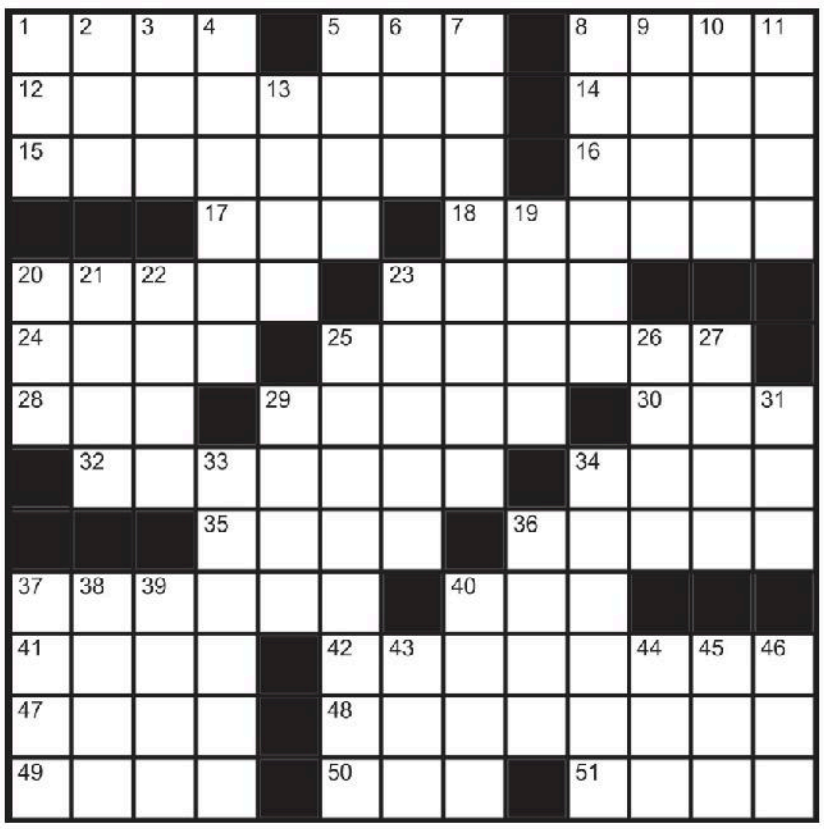

SUDOKU

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			2		6			
1					5	2		
		2			1		7	
		6	8					
7	1					9	4	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	6	7	3	2	5	1	9
5	3	1	9	6	8	7	4	2
2	7	9	5	4	1	3	6	8
8	4	7	2	1	3	6	9	5
9	5	3	4	7	6	8	2	1
1	6	2	8	5	9	4	7	3
6	2	4	1	8	5	9	3	7
3	9	5	6	2	7	1	8	4
7	1	8	3	9	4	2	5	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HES'G QOXOG T WIOQH GE NEKD EVS QJTDSOSM,

UED IJ VTA FEDS OS TSEGIJD GOXJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When you read a book, you hold another's mind in your hands.

TOKYO GAMES 2020 (July 23 - August 8, 2021)

Tokyo Olympics 2020 - Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	8	5	7	20
2	USA	8	4	8	20
3	Japan	8	2	4	14
34	India	0	1	0	1

[Table Updated at 12.50 pm - Indian Standard Time]

NOTE: Catch all actions on Sony Sports Network and Live Streaming on SonyLIV

Glittering faces of Olympic celebration now 'unmasked'

Medallists pose for a photograph during the podium ceremony of the Skateboarding Women's Street Final of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo yesterday. Japan's Momiji Nishiya, 13, made history on Monday when she took home the first women's street skateboarding Olympic gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Games. Standing next to her on the Olympic podium was Rayssa Leal from Brazil, also 13, who earned silver in the event. Japanese skater Funa Nakayama, 16, took bronze.

Tokyo, July 27- Olympic athletes have received an extra incentive for winning a medal after organisers said they could remove their masks for 30 seconds for photos on the podium.

Medal-winners were urged not to abuse the relaxation in the rules at the Tokyo Games, which have been marked by their strict anti-Coronavirus measures after opening a year late.

"The idea is to give those athletes who have been competing, when everyone else has stepped back, the chance to remove their mask for 30 seconds, staying on those steps for photos," International Olympic Committee (IOC) Spokesman Mark Adams said on Monday.

"I think everyone appreciates, one, that the risk is very, very, very, low, and two, completely understandable."

Athletes are under orders to wear their masks unless training, competing, eating, drinking or sleeping, and are being tested daily.

When standing on the podium, they are now shown a sign telling them to remove their masks briefly for the photographers.

PM Modi encourages Indian Fencer, says 'You Gave Your Best'

Bhavani Devi creates history becoming India's first ever fencer in the Olympics

Indian Fencer Bhavani Devi during one of her matches at Tokyo Olympics. Bhavani Devi in her fencing gear.

Tokyo, July 27- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday offered encouragement to C.A. Bhavani Devi, India's first ever fencer in the Olympics who lost to the world number three, saying she gave her best and this is all that counts.

Following her loss, Devi had tweeted that she did her level best but could not win. "I am sorry," she said and expressed

Narendra Modi

thanks to Modi among others for their support.

The Prime Minister replied, "You gave your best and that is all that counts. Wins and losses are a part of life. India is very proud of your contributions. You are an inspiration for our citizens."

The 27-year-old began her campaign with a confident 15-3 win against Tunisia's Nadia Ben Azizi but bumped into Rio Olympics semifinalist Frenchwoman Brunet in the next round, which she lost 7-15.

MLA inaugurates seating facility at Mysore Varsity Hockey Grounds

Mysuru, July 27- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra inaugurated the 3-step concrete seating facility at the Eastern side of the University of Mysore (UoM) Hockey Grounds close to the Sports Pavilion here yesterday.

MLA Nagendra and UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar were felicitated on the occasion. Hockey Mysore President K.B. Dilip, Vice-President K.N. Muddaiah, Secretary C.T. Satish, Treasurer M. Ponnappa, in-Charge Director of Department of Physical Education-UoM Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Corporator M.U. Subbaiah, University Hockey Coach Ashok, Lava of Nirmiti Kendra and others were present.

It may be recalled here that Hockey Mysore had submitted a memorandum to MLA Nagendra during the Invitation Cup State-level Hockey Tournament conducted by it at the University Hockey Grounds last year, requesting him to sanction funds for the much needed seating facility for spectators at the Grounds. Following the request, MLA Nagendra had granted Rs. 5 lakh out of his Legislator's Local Area Development Fund and had performed the *Guddali Puja* (Ground breaking ceremony) on May.15, 2020 for the seating facility.

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	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-2)	3.40 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	6.40 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 1.30 pm
Radhe (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 27)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an opulent show of cool cotton handloom products, ethnic and traditional silk, Nanjaraja Bahadur (NR) Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Lions Club of Mysore Central:** Installation Ceremony (2021-2020), Hotel Le Ruchi, Hunsur Main Road, **6.30 pm.**

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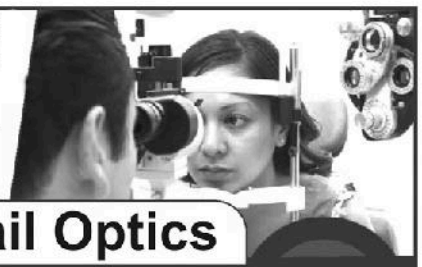

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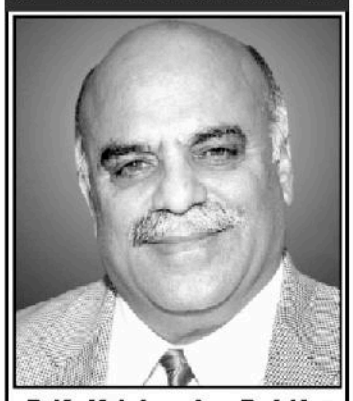

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